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## ***U.S. Coast Guard Academy International Cadet Program Seeks Class of 2020 Candidates***

The U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince is pleased to announce a special university program available to outstanding young Haitian men and women between the ages of 17 to 23 for the upcoming 2016 Academic Year.

The United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) in New London, Connecticut, is seeking candidates for the Class of 2020 International Cadet program.

The Coast Guard Academy is one of the four Armed Services Academies in the United States that offers a four-year program with an intensive undergraduate curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. This program, coupled with military and leadership training, enables graduates to assume responsible roles in the maritime or government service. The curriculum is weighted heavily toward mathematics, science and engineering courses.



Haitian candidates must have excellent English skills as all instruction is provided in English. The Academy offers the following eight majors: Civil Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering; Operations Research; Marine and Environmental Sciences; Government; Mechanical Engineering; and Management.

The Academy program also consists of formal classroom training in subjects such as navigation and law enforcement, supplemented by summer programs that include general shipboard and aviation training, seagoing experience aboard the USCG training ship Barque Eagle, military training, and other operational experience. Haitian candidates are subject to Coast Guard Academy regulations covering class attendance, discipline, resignation and graduation requirements. International students are not entitled to a commission in the USCG after graduation.

Candidates will return to Haiti and serve in the Haitian National Police, including the Garde Cote.

### **Requirements**

All potential candidates must be formally sponsored by the Government of Haiti. The individuals must then return to Haiti at the completion of the program.

Candidates for the Class of 2020 are required to meet the following requirements:

- \* Age: Be at least seventeenth but not their twenty-third birthday by June 27, 2016.
- \* Testing: Candidates must take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test-SAT Reasoning or American College Test assessment-ACT. A minimum of 600 on the Math portion and a minimum of 600 on the Verbal portion is recommended.
- \* Language assessment: Candidates must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A score of 560 on the ITP (paper-based test) or 90 iBT (computer-based test) is recommended. In some situations, the English Comprehension Level (ECL) may be administered in lieu of the TOEFL. A minimum score of 80 is required on the ECL.
- \* Dependents: candidates must NOT have any children or legal dependents
- \* Candidates must NOT be married.



#### Cost

The cost of instruction at the Academy is approximately \$97,000 annually and scholarships are available for candidates from selected countries, including Haiti.

While at the Coast Guard Academy, international cadets receive the same pay and allowances as their U.S. counterparts.

#### Application Process and Timeline

- \* Haitian Candidates must submit their initial application VIA EMAIL by December 28, 2015 to Director of Garde-Cotes, Jean-Mary Wagnac. *(Note: No in-person or written applications will be accepted.)*
- \* Interview: once all requirements are presented to the Government of Haiti will recommend individuals to interview with a U.S. Embassy team between December 30, 2015 through January 15, 2016.
- \* Candidates are required to present a certified high school transcript at the interview. The interview will review the candidate's high school performance, English skills, activities and evidence of physical fitness.
- \* SAT Scores and all other language assessments must be completed by January 15, 2016.
- \* Candidates must pass the physical fitness test by January 15, 2016.
- \* The U.S. Embassy will present the names to the Coast Guard Academy for consideration and selection by February 1, 2016.

#### Contact Information

If you are interested in applying to the United States Coast Guard Academy Class of 2020 International Cadet Program, then you should contact the following person to receive an application.

##### *U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince*

LCDR Timothy C. Sommella  
Coast Guard Liaison Officer (CGLO)  
[papcglo@state.gov](mailto:papcglo@state.gov)

*(Note: No Applications are available at the U.S. Embassy Front Gate.)*

All applications should be submitted BY EMAIL to the following Government of Haiti representative no later than December 28, 2015:

##### *Government of Haiti*

Joseph Jean-Mary Wagnac  
Commissaire Divisionnaire, PNH  
Directeur Des Garde-Cotes  
[haitiancoastguard@gmail.com](mailto:haitiancoastguard@gmail.com)

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#### More Information

U.S. Coast Guard Academy: <http://www.cga.edu>